

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 24, and ending on page 3, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

The wiper blade in accordance with the invention ~~with the characterizing features of Claim 1~~ can be manufactured cost-effectively completely of a material whose properties do not interfere with the bearing force distribution required by the supporting element. The satisfactory and durable connection that is required in the area of the claw-like projections is produced via the armoring provided there. This armoring can be formed and dimensioned in such a way that even the forces acting on the claws and occurring with the arrangement of a wind deflector strip as a covering part can be controlled. As a result, depending upon the requirements placed on the wiper blade and the resulting properties of the material used for the armoring, the connection can, for example, be designed as a frictional clamping connection or even as a positively engaged snap-in connection. A type of soft material, for example, rubber or a thermoplastic elastomer, can, if necessary, even compensate without damage for tensions occurring in the limit area between the supporting element and the wind deflector strip if the wiper blade is wiping a windshield featuring a constantly changing curvature and then a relative movement in the longitudinal direction of the wiper blade is desired between these two components. Additional aids like the use of an adhesive can be dispensed with.